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The Finding List.

THE responses have been so general in favor of the plan for a Practical Finding List, such as was described in our issue of September 13th of this year, that we are encouraged to go on with the work thus planned, and to ask, as we now do, the ractical and pecuniary co-operation of the American book trade in the prosecution of this considerable undertaking. There has been but one voice as to the desirability—indeed, necessity—of such a work; and booksellers from all over the country, from the largest houses down to the smallest, have stated that such a work would be worth, to some, thousands of dollars a year; to all, much more than the possible price of the volume. Out of half a hundred indications of choice, all but half a dozen have been in favor of the plan described by us as the best for the purpose indicated. We now go forward to put to the test the willingness of the American trade to support pecuniarily an enterprise so generally admitted to be of the highest benefit to all. What the cost of the entire enterprise, and what the cost per copy will be we have not yet been able to estimate, and the latter matter will indeed depend largely upon the number of subscriptions received. The more copies desired, the lower of course can be the price, so that it is to the direct interest of each subscriber to increase the list by as many names as he can. But the cost of bibliographical work and the payment of the considerable clerical force that must for a year or so be employed on it, will necessitate the outlay of several thousand dollars before the first line of copy is given to the printer. As we have stated, we shall not feel justified in commencing until 600 subscribers at $25, or their equivalent, is pledged toward the work. We presume that will be the price per copy, but it is not our intention to ask any higher price than will fairly recompense our outlay in the preparation of the work, or to draw upon the larger subscriptions of the guarantee fund to more than a necessary extent. As yet we have done little toward securing subscriptions for the work, but the discussions in the WEEKLY, and a few hours' work on the part of Mr. F. B. Patterson, of 27 Park Row, who has voluntarily and enthusiastically come to our aid in this matter, have already called out subscriptions to the fund to the amount of nearly $2,700, as will be seen from the acknowledgments below. A few of the leading publishers and jobbers have pledged from $250 to $100 each, as will be seen; but to insure the commencement and completion of the work, we need not only such liberal subscriptions from the large houses, but others for at least one copy each from a large proportion of the local dealers, who are vitally interested in having such a list. Subscriptions for one copy will be understood to be at $25; and though we have printed below all offers received so far, we shall be obliged to fix a *minimum* at that amount.

During the next month Mr. Patterson, whom we can thoroughly commend to our readers as, though acting independently, representing us in this matter, hopes to find time to call upon the leading houses of New York, Boston, and Philadelphia on this business. Some twenty enterprising members of the trade, in as many Western cities, have offered to him their practical co-operation, with the promise to devote one day at least to canvassing their trade neighbors for the work. Six of these have already been heard from, members of the firms italicised at the head of localities in the list below. This is one of the most practicable ways of helping the work along, and blanks for this purpose will be supplied by Mr. Patterson, or from this office. The form is printed at the head of the list below, and it is understood that all subscriptions forwarded are under its terms. But we want more than this. We want every bookseller who is alive to the importance of this work to forward his name and subscription directly and at once, without personal solicitation. It is only thus that we can reasonably hope for the success of the enterprise.

To make the matter quite plain, we reprint here the points of the plan under which we propose to work:

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It is to be plainly understood that the Practical Finding List is not to be a catalogue of all American books ever printed—which would prove a task too colossal and expensive to be at present undertaken, but a thoroughly practical and convenient index to all American books now in print and for sale. That this, and no other, is the thing now most wanted by

the trade we have abundant testimony. We thank very heartily those who have already and in such kind terms come to our aid, and we trust the rest of the trade will not be slow to follow their example. It depends on them; we are ready to go to work and to do our best—let us finally remind the trade that we now make an offer which, if it fails, we shall not be likely to repeat. We do not desire to use this as an opportunity for making money, other than as a fair remuneration for our outlay; we are content to serve the trade in the way they wish to be served.

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IT seems that the Hartford subscription trade is feeling the panic very badly. A letter to the *Times* states that of the 12,000 or more agents who started out, the majority are out of employment, and instead of the expected sale of 250,000 copies of the new Hartford books, the aggregate sales reached only 60,000 or 70,000 copies. Hartford expects to produce about half a million of these subscription books annually, at $3.50 to $5.00 retail each, and it is seriously affected by the deficit noted. Whether the wane of the subscription book business, which this correspondent prophesies, will be inimical to the interests of the country at large, is another question.

OF the second volume of Mr. Beecher's "Life of Jesus the Christ" a large part is in type, and he is hard at work upon its completion, although it will not be issued until spring.

A NEW story from the pen of Sir Arthur Helps is in press in England, and will doubtless be reprinted here by Roberts Bros. It is concerned with Russian conspiracies, and gives an account of the economics of Siberia, to which his chief characters are transported.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The interests of the trade cannot be better served than by a full discussion by its members of all questions which affect it. Our columns are always open to communications on any such subject, and we cordially invite the trade to express any suggestions or opinions of interest or value in "Letters to the Editor."

A Bill of Exceptions.

Office of the *Arcadian*, Nov. 25, 1873.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly.

MY DEAR SIR: Pardon my audacity in presuming to teach you manners or grammar, in both of which you are proficient, but the best men make slips, and even your own correct and courteous self are not infallible.

In a recent number of your WEEKLY—I can't say which, as I usually scissor your paper all to pieces for editorial purposes—you refer to me as "the editor of the defunct *Athenæum*." Now, my dear sir, allow me to object to this phrase, for the following good and sufficient reasons:

1. As I am now the editor of more than one living and lively journal, including the *Arcadian*, it was not exactly kind of you to couple me with a corpse.

2. I never was "the editor of the defunct *Athenæum*."

3. The only journal called the *Athenæum* I know of is still being published in London.

4 It would hardly pay to edit defunct papers.

5. If you had said "formerly editor of *The American Athenæum*, now defunct," you would have been correct, but hardly polite, not to say generous.

If you were Mrs. Smith, how would you like all through life to be differentiated—the applause comes in here—from the rest of humanity, not to say your sex, as "Mrs. Smith, mother of the defunct Jeremy Smith,"—said Jeremy having died years ago from a paroxysm brought on by a noble but fruitless effort to cut its wisdom teeth?

For Heaven's sake, dear WEEKLY, let the dead past bury its dead, and do not persistently pelt a poor devil with the refuse of the tombs.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN FRASER,
Editor *Arcadian*.

[The counts of this indictment are so many that we fear to plead guilty categorically, for fear of a sentence for life from our witty brother-in-journalism. Of course, we wrote with colloquial condensation, and without thought of being cited into court before so rigid a judge. We are willing to apologize or arbitrate, or—anything but war!—ED.]

Another Experience.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25, 1873.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:

AT present I am only supplying my own publications—creating a demand for the trade to fill—and only selling below my retail prices to the class entitled to a reduction. When all publishers will do this, and refuse to sell to jobbers who sell to any one out of the trade at wholesale prices, I would gladly return to the general book business, and then your proposed "Finding List" would be very valuable, and I would willingly subscribe $25 or $50 on the terms proposed.

As the margin of profit is only from 5 to 10 per cent., and losses about as much, it seems a wonder to me that large houses persist in so suicidal a policy. We, in Philadelphia, have been accused of doing so far more than we deserve. Several houses here sell at 20 off the retail—they might just as well get full retail—but I had an order sent me to fill, provided I could do it at same prices as a New York house had offered, and I found that the stiffest books in the trade were marked at 30 to 33 1-3, leaving a margin for time, trouble, etc., of 5 per cent. or less. The party supplying was not, strictly speaking, entitled to any discount.

Respectfully,

HOWARD CHALLEN.

LITERARY AND TRADE NEWS.

A NEW story by that interesting writer, Emily Sarah Holt, is promised by the Carters, under the title of "Verena."

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AN exchange states that Rev. Dr. Augustus Blauvelt has declined an invitation of the Christian Evidence Society of London, to prepare for them a volume in relation to certain aspects of modern unbelief. His next article in *Scribner's Monthly* will be on the Resurrection.

DORE is to be added to the long roll of illustrators of Shakespeare. He is now at work on the "Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Macbeth."

THE Appletons will issue during the coming year two works of great present interest in biography: a Life of Prof. S. F. B. Morse, by Rev. S. Irenæus Prime, and a Life of the late Chief Justice Chase, which latter will extend to an octavo of some five hundred pages.

AMOS A. LAWRENCE, ESQ., of Boston, has purchased a hundred copies of Dr. Clarke's "Sex in Education," for distribution to each member of the city school committees. The book has also Agassiz's strong indorsement. It is exciting an unusual amount of attention, and much criticism as well as praise.

MR. JOHN FISKE'S new work, "Outlines of Cosmic Philosophy, based on the Doctrine of Evolution," will be published in London as well as in the United States. The MS. is now in the printer's hands, and the two chapters already published in the *North American Review* excite the liveliest anticipations of an important work. Mr. Fiske is at present abroad.

THE New York News Company, of 18 Beekman street, has issued a very neat and handy trade list, giving the wholesale, retail, and subscription prices of all the periodicals, and a price-list of stationery and leading cheap books, with advice to those purposing to engage in the news business.

SCRIBNER'S for January, the Christmas number, will present an astonishing array of distinguished names in its list of contents. Bret Harte's Christmas "pastoral," poems by H. H., George MacDonald, John Hay, Stoddard, and Saxe, papers by Froude, Dudley Warner, and others, a sketch of Warner, with portrait, by Col. Higginson, and a short story by Gail Hamilton, will be among its features.

A POEM, "The Martyred Church," by Mr. William T. Gill, shortly to be issued by Shepard & Gill, with illustrations by Hammat Billings, is a vision of the burning of Holy Trinity Church in the great Boston fire. The specimen verses that we have seen speak well for it.

IN England the first impression of Mill's Autobiography, consisting of three thousand copies, was all sold within six days of publication, and a second edition of the same number was quickly exhausted.

THE Central Asian question calls forth three new books—the Baron Von Hellwald's "Russians in Central Asia," Sir Henry Rawlinson's "Political and Geographical Condition of Central Asia," and T. T. Cooper's "New Routes for Commerce."

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